

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for removing hair comprising:
 - (i) applying to an area of skin from which hair is to be removed a skin pretreatment composition that comprises a lipophilic material; and
 - 5 (ii) applying onto the pretreated area of skin a depilatory composition comprising a keratin degrading agent in an effective amount to chemically react with hair to allow removal.
2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the lipophilic material is selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbons, natural or synthetic esters, silicones and mixtures
10 thereof.
3. The method according to claim 1 wherein the lipophilic material is mineral oil.
4. The method according to claim 1 wherein the keratin degrading agent is a thioglycolate salt.
5. The method according to claim 1 wherein the skin pretreatment composition is
15 applied for at least about one minute prior to application of the depilatory composition.
6. The method according to claim 1 wherein the skin pretreatment composition is applied for at least five minutes prior to applying the depilatory composition.

7. A kit for removal of hair from an area of skin comprising:
- (a) a skin pretreatment product comprising:
 - (i) a skin pretreatment composition that comprises a lipophilic material; and
 - 5 (ii) a carrier for delivering the skin pretreatment composition onto the area of skin;
 - (b) a depilatory product comprising:
 - (i) a depilatory composition comprising a keratin degrading agent in an effective amount to chemically react with hair to
 - 10 allow wipe away removal; and
 - (ii) a carrier for delivering the depilatory composition onto the area of skin subsequent to delivery of the pretreatment composition;
 - (c) instructions to apply the skin pretreatment product to an area of skin
 - 15 requiring removal of hair followed by an application of the depilatory product over the area of skin covered by the pretreatment product.
8. The kit according to claim 7 wherein the carrier for delivering the skin pretreatment composition is a textile.
- 20 9. The kit according to claim 8 wherein the textile is a glove.
10. The kit according to claim 7 wherein the depilatory and skin pretreatment compositions are applied from their respective carriers in weight ratios ranging from about 100:1 to about 1:100.